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**HOUSE DEMOCRATIC LEADER PRO TEMPORE  
GERALDINE THOMPSON TO DELIVER  
HOUSE DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS RESPONSE TO  
GOVERNOR CRIST'S 2009 STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS**

**TALLAHASSEE, FL** – House Democratic Leader Pro Tempore Geraldine Thompson (D-Orlando) will deliver the House Democratic Caucus response to Florida Governor Charlie Crist's 2009 State of the State Address this afternoon.

Governor Crist's address is scheduled to begin at 6:02 p.m. today. Representative Thompson's videotaped remarks will be broadcast on The Florida Channel immediately after Governor Crist's address. A clean satellite feed will be available from The Florida Channel.

"In these dire times, Florida House Democrats understand that our citizens want solutions and not political posturing from elected officials," said Representative Thompson. "This is no time for fear. Rather, we believe this is a time for courage and hope. Difficult times like these require historic levels of cooperation---bipartisan cooperation."

"Florida House Democrats applaud Governor Charlie Crist for showing courage in writing a budget that puts (President Barack Obama's) federal stimulus dollars to work. Using these economic recovery funds will be a win for everyone----especially (for) our children, the

uninsured, and Floridians worried about their jobs.

“In this tough economy, we need to make tough choices,” Representative Thompson added, “we’ll need to collaborate and listen to one another. Our challenges need more than one-party solutions. The people need Democrats at the negotiating table alongside Republicans.”

Representative Thompson, the Democratic Ranking Member of the Economic Development Policy Committee, represents District 39 in Orange County, and lives in Orlando. She is a retired college administrator who earned a Master’s Degree from Florida State University in 1973 and a Bachelor of Education degree from the University of Miami in 1970. She was elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 2006 and reelected in 2008.

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